



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – January 27th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by President Mara.

A link to our **COVID19 resources page** is found [here](#) on our OPNA website.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2021 MEETING

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Thank you Terry for your years of service as secretary and taking amazing notes every time.

TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance		\$ 5,640.88
Membership Deposits		\$ 20.00
Grant		\$ 1,500.00
Secretary of State Registration		\$ (10.00)
5K-Clean		
Home Depot	-221.03	
Gift Cards	-60	
Home Depot Returns	31.6	
Reimbursement to Mara	-500	
Cost Total		\$ (749.43)
Bank Fees		\$ (6.00)
Website Host		\$ (25.02)
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 6,370.43

Notes		
Still have outstanding reimbursement to Mara		
Full calc grant reporting available soon!		

Reminder: Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Here are ways to pay for the dues:

Venmo

Overland Park RNO @opnadenver or using this link

https://venmo.com/code?user_id=3183003056472064841

Mail

Make check payable to OPNA and send to:

OPNA

Att: Andrew Gehauf

2255 S Acoma St

Denver, CO 80223

INC Membership - will need to be renewed. <https://www.denverinc.org/>

We will need to make a motion to approve payment of annual \$40 membership at February meeting.

POLICE REPORT

CRO **Kate Young**

720-913-1248

kate.young@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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CRO Kate Young: kate.young@denvergov.org

CRO AJ Pacheco: Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org

Officers Pacheco and Young provided the following stats for the past month and noted upcoming events:

- Burglary - 4 total - 3 residential, 1 commercial - all with known suspects. One incident was open garage where bike was stolen. One was a convenience store door pry open.
- Thefts - bike off a bike rack and items stolen out of a apartment garage storage unit.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle
 - Keys and registrations cards have been stolen from vehicles
 - License plate renewal stickers - Recommend you score your sticker once on plate to prevent the full thing being removed.
 - Stolen valuables left in cars, both lock and unlocked
 - DPD continue to battle catalytic converter thefts.
- MV Theft
 - Seeing common theft of vehicles at convenience stores - folks leaving cars running and going into store and cars are easy targets. Don't leave your car running unattended.
 - Two other vehicles stolen.
 - Had two stolen cars that were running unattended.
 - One strange report - vehicle released from towing company to unauthorized individual and is considered a theft.
- Next CAB meeting on 2/1 at 6pm - Will be virtual - guest speaker from graffiti unit talking about graffiti.
 - From <<https://nextdoor.com/agency-post/co/denver/denver-police-department/district-3-cab-meetings-19283891/>>
 - D3 Virtual CAB Reminder. D3 CAB 2/1/22 at 6pm on Microsoft Teams. Our District 3 CAB Meeting Tuesday February 1st, 2022 at 6pm on Microsoft Teams using the link below: https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_NTgzNmQ3MzktMTg4NS00MDJjLWFkNmQ

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- Reminder to Register your bike and know your serial number - these two things will help the police recover your bike if its stolen.
 - For concerns on how to mitigate your bike being stolen off the bus front racks - Maggie noted that if you lock wheel to frame while on the RTD rack, more likely to deter theft, or make the theft more difficult.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 - COUNCILMEMBER JOLON CLARK'S

OFFICE www.luckyDistrict7.org maggie.thompson@denvergov.org

- Maggie will look into details on **state legislation on catalytic converter theft prevention** and she will share info at our next meeting. There is some work occurring at the state level to address this common issue in our communities.
- **City Trash and Waste News** - There is a proposal going to council for vote where trash service for city bins will be paid fee, price according to bin size. Compost and Recycle will be free. Example: if you currently are paying for compost, by moving to a smaller trash bin, you could end up saving a little in total cost.
- **District 7 Office has an Event Kit** for use for organizations, like OPNA. We can use/borrow for community events. It will include use of a shade tent, PA/sound equipment and some other stuff to help support events with these common items. Link coming soon for event kit check out.
- **Bicycle registration events.** - DPD switching to a new registration system. Project 529 - bike registration and international database.
 - Neighborhood can do it themselves, or Maggie can help bring support volunteers to host a registration event. Or we can coordinate with other events to have bike registration as a part of it.
- District 7 hired new staff member, you may see them in upcoming meetings.
- **Redistricting of City Council Districts** is occurring now. This happens every ten years with new census. East side of Denver has had the most growth and there will be shifts to districts. It appears in most proposed maps so far Overland is staying in District 7. The city is seeking community input - see link for more info and currently proposed maps:

- <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Denver-City-Council/Redistricting-Denver-2022>
- **Iowa Underpass and Bike Path**
 - Path from Florida to Jewell is happening first, and is under construction.
 - The underpass at Iowa is separate phase of construction - due to guardrails and historic nature. All funded and bonded.
- **Jewell Pedestrian Bridge** - funded in 2017 bond and still looking at late '24 or early '25 for completion. Had lots of land issues to resolve. Neighbors would like to see the current design that is being proposed. Neighbors expressed concerns of pedestrian connections from Santa Fe bridge landing to the Platte River path as Jewell Avenue has no sidewalks or designated bike path. Neighbors felt like a connection or path to direct you one block south to Asbury Ave where there is better pedestrian infrastructure and a straight path to the Platte River path should be considered. Councilmember Clarks' office will find out if they can get someone to share with the community more details on the overall plans and design at a future meeting. There is also some rumors of a future pedestrian connection at Iliff over Santa Fe. So there is hope that our neighborhood, divided by motor vehicle concrete and rail, will have some better pedestrian and bike connections in the future.
- **Bridge Construction on Santa Fe North of Mississippi** - is new vehicle bridge and ped bridge currently under construction. This work is part of required infrastructure for gates area re-development.
- <http://www.broadwaystation.com/>

REZONING OF 1974 & 1990 S HURON ST. - Neil Shea, property owner

- In January went through planning commission with city, passed for approval to move thru city council. 2/22 Tuesday at 5:30 is council meeting - have letters of support - and those were appreciated. Would love to have folks join the city council zoom meeting.
- Recap from past - the ask was to rezone - down zone from duplex large lots to single family on smaller lots

- Please reach out to Neil with questions or if you are interested in attending council meeting and need help, let him know and he will be happy to be sure you have the info. - Neil Shea - 303-870-0533 - neilshea3@gmail.com
- No design or plans yet - need to get through this zoning process first but then would be happy to comeback to neighbors for design input.
- There was good dialogue on the proposed rezoning and views were shared both in support of the rezone as well as views that have concerns with these changes. All are welcome to share their input at council meeting scheduled on 2/22.

RECAP ON OVERLAND'S FIRST 5K CLEAN EVENT

- Debrief - 5k (3.1mile walk) was successful trash pick up and community building event.
- Had lots of participation- All ages, dogs, families - it was great. Had lots of local business sponsors - thanks Andrew for getting their support.
- Dos Luces, Good Chemistry, Cut Above, Snarfs, Trash Hawk Brewery, Bear Creek Distillery to name a few... lot's of support. Thank you to all the local businesses for their help.
- Picked up TWO BIG truck loads and filled small truck FOUR times. Easily 6 loads plus lots of bags.

OPNA 2022 GOALS AND PROJECTS

- Spring Plant Giveaway “Overland Grows”
 - Target date request to not be on memorial day weekend and plan for only 1 day and not 2 as in the past years.
 - May 21-22 seemed preferred. More info to be discussed in next meetings.
- River Parks Wayfinding - Greenway Foundation
 - In February there would likely be another meeting to run through the previous feedback and build on it/invite more people to participate in giving feedback.
- Art on the Bridge - Evans Bridge over Santa Fe and Rail
 - Not looking great anti-graffiti layer is wearing - can't touch up paint. Could get Broadway associate to spray down for about \$1000

- There have been attempts to remove graffiti - and nothing is working - either didn't work, or started making a mess, or removing mural.
- Neighbors agreed to get a group together - create a bridge art committee. Some folks would like to attempt to salvage the mural. The original artist is gone. Mara has some resources for free primer epoxy paints.
- Meet at next social - wed 2/9 at The Table and ART COMMITTEE MEETING!

PARK ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

- Amy is on Parks budget committee - they are currently putting together list of projects or thoughts of what might be priorities. Let her know and she can include your ideas in her input for considerations.
- Ruby Hill: Phase 3 - Virtual Community Meeting #2 - Tues. March 1 | Fase 3 - Taller Público Virtual # 2 - martes 1 de marzo
 - Please join Denver Parks and Recreation for the second interactive public workshop to help shape the future of Ruby Hill Park! The new design of the park hub includes a community building, bike playground, and other park amenities including a splash pad, picnic areas, and sport courts.
 - All community ideas, comments, and questions are welcome!
 - When: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
 - Where: Online - Zoom | tinyurl.com/rubyhillmeeting2 -
 - Phone Option (720) 928-9299
 - Meeting ID 864 9739 6815

OVERLAND SOCIAL

Wednesday, February 9th at The Table Public House - 6:30pm - 2190 S Platte River Dr - <https://tablepublichouse.com/>

Check out our Facebook page for reminders. Socials start at 6:30pm and are a good way to get out and meet your neighbors and support our local businesses.

COMMUNITY ANNOCEMENTS

- During intros and compassions - Amy shared that there is a new community food resource pop up that occasionally is at space adjacent to Grandmas House - they are another great resource and organization to support in our community: <https://www.kaizenfoodrescue.org/> - check out their site for future dates for their food share schedule.

Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **February 24th**, 2022, at **6:30** pm probably on zoom. Stay tuned then for agenda and zoom links.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

OPNA meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, excluding November and December.

Upcoming meeting dates for **2022** include the following: February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, & October 27

Also, check us out on our [Website](#) and also to read the **minutes** from past meetings.

And like us on [Facebook](#) **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

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